

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 147-2005



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: June 7, 2005

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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**Subject: PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SOUTHBOUND I-95 FOR "MIAMI VICE"
PRODUCTION**

The production of the NBC-Universal feature film "Miami Vice" is preparing for a road closure of all southbound traffic on I-95 from the 836 to US-1 for three consecutive nights, from 11PM until 5AM, Tuesday July 5 through Thursday July 7. The purpose of this closure is to capture a scene that involves a chase and pull-over as well as a single stunt using a truck. Northbound traffic on I-95 would be held during their takes.

The production recently held a meeting with police, fire and other representatives from FDOT, Miami-Dade, City of Miami, City of Miami Beach, FHP and Port of Miami, to review the proposed (attached) re-route before FDOT allowed them to proceed with their Management of Traffic Plan and final approval. Per FDOT, no traffic can be encumbered before 11PM or after 5AM. These times and these days of the week were determined ideal from a minimized impact study performed by the production's engineers and FDOT. Following the site review at this meeting, specific suggestions were made and implemented, and the plan was given an overall positive reception, which was essential for FDOT to approve it. City of Miami Beach Fire Department gave conditional approval only if the production could ensure Westbound traffic on 836 would move freely, allowing emergency access to the Civic Center area hospitals.

The southbound reroute of traffic plan provides for multiple alternatives for motorists to get either to US-1 or the downtown area. From a Miami Beach perspective, this most affects Westbound traffic exiting the McArthur Causeway, which will not be able to merge onto southbound I-95 and will be rerouted to either Biscayne Boulevard or SW 12 Avenue. This has a similar effect for westbound residents exiting from the Julia Tuttle or Venetian Causeways. The production has made it clear that all Eastbound and Westbound traffic along 836 will have continuous movement.

The police and fire staffing plans for this production continue to be worked on, but will have involvement from the City of Miami Beach, headed up by Larry Bornstein from Police and Tim Dougherty from Fire. A Miami Beach presence will be essential to monitor access ways and be able to provide radio updates to any incoming emergency vehicles.

The key element to this closure being a success will be in the handling of all communication from the production. The production is outlining a detailed communications plan, including broadcast and print notification and advertising, multiple VMS boards at

strategic locations several weeks before the proposed dates, cooperation and access for the Miami Herald, and working with each municipality's communications offices to ensure local channels are informed with a clear and consistent message. Nannette Rodriguez will assist in this capacity for Miami Beach.

Additional outreach and coordination will be made to many affected areas, including Port of Miami, Miami International Airport, GMCVB, MDTA, private taxis and buses, car rental agencies and hoteliers, all with the intention of providing basic information to advise the potentially unaware (out of town) motorists. Tow trucks will also be stationed throughout the closure and reroute areas to move any accident vehicles off the road quickly to ensure traffic flows.

As these requested dates follow a major holiday (July 4th), we have requested the GMCVB extend their hotel occupancy surveys to include these dates to give an indication of how many visitors will still be in Miami when the closures begin the night of July 5th.

As more information becomes available, we will furnish an update to this request.

NBC Universal's "Miami Vice" feature film is written and directed by original series creator Michael Mann and stars Collin Farrell and Jamie Foxx as the reconceived Crockett and Tubbs in present day Miami and Miami Beach. Other Miami Beach locations suggested by the production will include Mansion nightclub, the Continuum, and houses on La Gorce Island and North Bay Road.

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Attachment

c: Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager
Tim Hemstreet, Assistant City Manager

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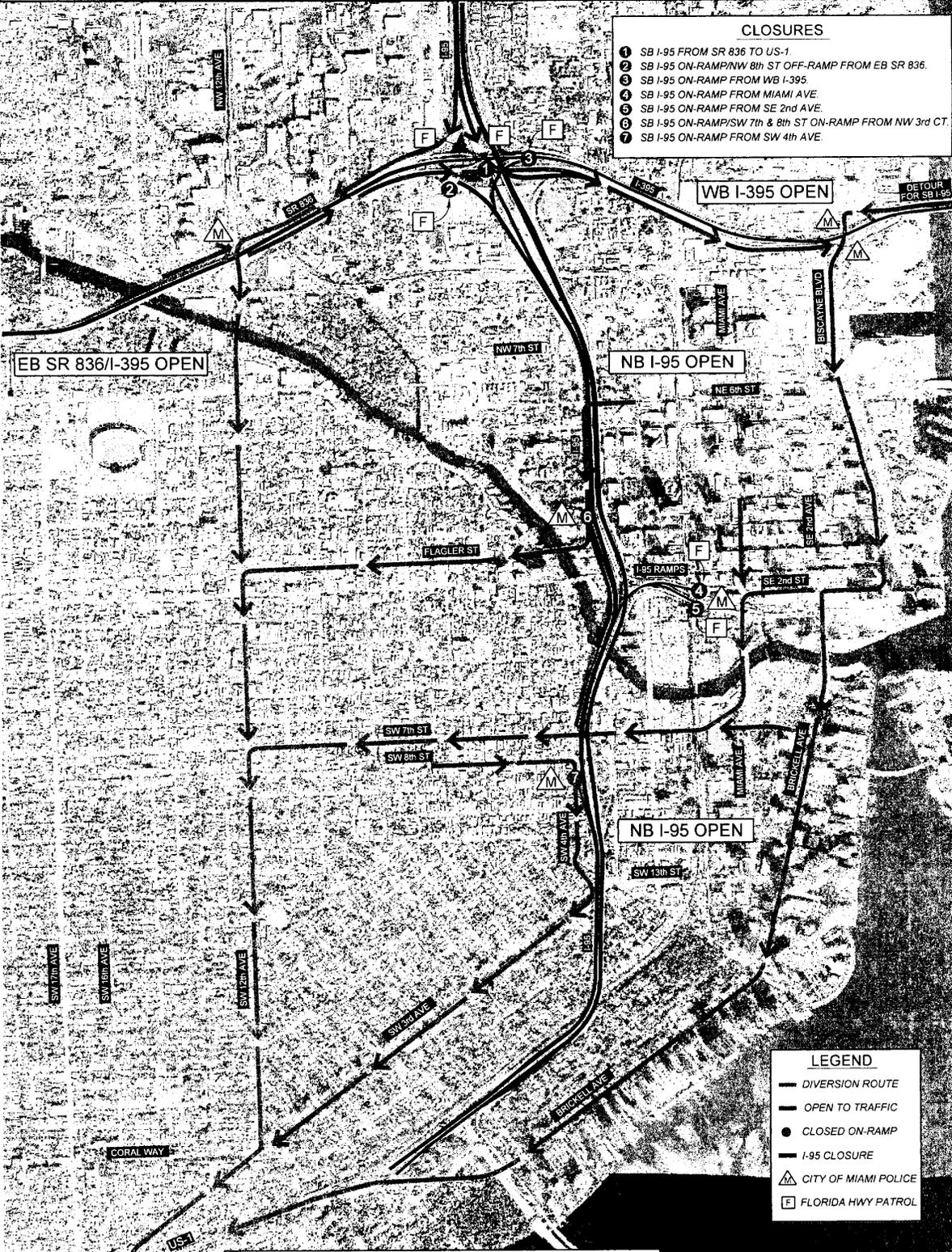
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SOUTHBOUND I-95 CLOSURE DETOUR PLAN



CLOSURES

- 1 SB I-95 FROM SR 836 TO US-1
- 2 SB I-95 ON-RAMP/NW 8th ST OFF-RAMP FROM EB SR 836
- 3 SB I-95 ON-RAMP FROM WB I-395
- 4 SB I-95 ON-RAMP FROM MIAMI AVE
- 5 SB I-95 ON-RAMP FROM SE 2nd AVE
- 6 SB I-95 ON-RAMP/SW 7th & 8th ST ON-RAMP FROM NW 3rd CT.
- 7 SB I-95 ON-RAMP FROM SW 4th AVE



LEGEND

- DIVERSION ROUTE
- OPEN TO TRAFFIC
- CLOSED ON-RAMP
- I-95 CLOSURE
- CITY OF MIAMI POLICE
- FLORIDA HWY PATROL

NOTES

1. PROJECTED CLOSURE DATES ARE: TUESDAY, JULY 5, WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 & THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2005
2. WEATHER DATES ARE: TUESDAY, JULY 12, WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 & THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2005
3. THE SOUTHBOUND I-95 LIMITED CLOSURES WILL BE FROM 11:00 PM TO 5:00 AM ONLY.
4. NORTHBOUND I-95, WESTBOUND SR 836, WESTBOUND I-395, EASTBOUND SR 836, AND EASTBOUND I-395 WILL REMAIN OPEN TO TRAFFIC.

RICKENBACKER CAUSEWAY

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